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IN THE ABSTRACT:

A machine shoe and a method for the support of objects, such as apparatuses and machines, characterized by being tolerant to irregularities in the surface on which the object to be supported is placed. The machine shoe has a movable spindle which is secured <u>in</u> concealed to <u>fashion in the lower a</u> base of the machine shoe. The machine shoe is particularly suitable for use in environments where great requirements are made with respect to hygiene. It is characteristic of the machine shoe that the movable spindle is attached to the lower part by insertion into two locking rings integrated in a polymer material that forms the basis for the lower of a lower part of the base of the machine shoe. The

It is also characteristic of a machine shoe according to the invention that the centre point between the locking rings, which secure the spindle to the lower part, forms the centre for the movements of the spindle.

(Fig. 2 should be published).